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FOR: SIGNAL PROCESSING CIRCUIT INTEGRATING PULSE WIDTHS OF AN

INPUT PULSE SIGNAL ACCORDING TO POLARITIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## MAIL STOP RCE

SIR:

Before examination of the above-identified Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application, it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and any fees necessary should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.